

the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Senators Udall (NM) and Begich; Marcilynn A. Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Forestry, Natural Resources and Environment; Oscar Vasquez Butler, Dona Ana County Board of Commissioners, and Jerry G. Schickedanz, People for Preserving our Western Heritage, both of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Byron Mallott, Sealaska Corporation, and Bob Claus, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, both of Juneau, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, who was introduced by Senator Kaufman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Brendan V. Johnson, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Karen Louise Loeffler, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, and Steven Gerard

O'Donnell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, all of the Department of Justice.

RESPONSE TO CERTAIN MILITARY EXPOSURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Hagan; Michael R. Peterson, Chief Consultant, Environmental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, and Stephen C. Hunt, National Director, Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and R. Craig Postlewaite, Acting Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Captain Paul Gillooly, Medical Services Corps, United States Navy (Ret.), Navy/Marine Corps Public Health Center, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), and John J. Resta, Scientific Adviser, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine, all of the Department of Defense; John R. Nuckols, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Robert F. Miller, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Charles E. Feigley, University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, Washington, D.C.; Michael Sean Partain, Tallahassee, Florida; Stacy Pennington, Pleasant View, Tennessee; Laurie Paganelli, California, Maryland; Herman Gibb, Arlington, Virginia; and Russell Powell, Moundsville, West Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3758–3787; and 10 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 196–197; and H. Res. 814–821 were introduced. **Pages H11165–67**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 481, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–290);

H.R. 1593, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–291);

H.R. 1641, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–292);

H.R. 2806, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness (H. Rept. 111–293); and

H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–294).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Todd Jones, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, October 6th:

Recognizing that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture: H. Res. 650, to recognize that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture and to declare country music to be a uniquely American art form, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 766.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, October 7th:

Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously: H.J. Res. 26, to proclaim Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 767;

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Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act of 2009: H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 768; and

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Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment: H. Res. 804, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 “nay”, Roll No. 771.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, and to expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, by a recorded vote of 281 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 770.

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Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the conference report on the bill H.R. 2647 to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House by a ye-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 216 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 769.

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H. Res. 808, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 765.

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Agreed to the Slaughter amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 764.

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Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 808, as amended, H. Con. Res. 196, making corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2647, is adopted.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th for morning hour debate.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he certified that an applicable

waiver, within the meaning of the Clean Diamond Trade Act (Public Law 108–19), granted by the World Trade Organization has been in effect since January 1, 2003, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2012—referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 111–67). **Pages H11143–44**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11113 and H11156.

Senate Referrals: S. 942 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11124, H11124–25, H11125, H11126, H11126–27, H11140–41, H11141–42 and H11142. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE RAPID ACQUISITION PROCESS

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on the Department of Defense's Rapid Acquisition Process: Is It a Model for Improving Acquisition? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michael Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Tom Dee, Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and Dov Zakheim, former Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense.

IMPROVING CHILD NUTRITION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing to Examining Innovative Practices to Improve Child Nutrition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1147, amended, Local Community Radio Act of 2009; H.R. 1084, amended, Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act; H.R. 1258, as amended, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009; and H.R. 3633, To allow the funding for the interoperable

emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

CREDIT CARD REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2382, Credit Card Interchange Fees Act of 2009; and H.R. 3639, Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Welch and Shuster; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL RESERVES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Future of the Federal Housing Administration's Capital Reserves: Assumptions, Predictions and Implications for Homebuyers." Testimony was heard from David Stevens, Assistant Secretary, Housing and Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

SUPREME COURT CIVIL RIGHTS DECISIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Civil Rights Under Fire: Recent Supreme Court Decisions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH INSURANCE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 3596, Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGH-RISK, HIGH-REWARD RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Investing in High-Risk, High-Reward Research. Testimony was heard from James Collins, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, NSF; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3723, Small Business Credit Expansion and Loan Markets Stabilization Act; H.R. 3739, Job Creation and Economic Development Through CDC Modernization Act of 2009; H.R. 3737, Small Business Microlending Expansion Act of 2009; H.R. 3740,